

# Program Overview

The mission of Central Ohio Technical College is to meet the technical education and training needs of students and employers in the area.



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## Law Enforcement Technology

The Law Enforcement Technology program at Central Ohio Technical College's Institute for Public Safety offers a 15 month Associate of Applied Science degree in Law Enforcement Technology.

This program allows students to receive a degree and complete the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission (OPOTC) requirements simultaneously.

### Learning Outcomes

- Demonstrate competency requirements in entry-level positions as a certified law enforcement officer.
- Demonstrate knowledge through the study of general education courses with enhanced communications skills (both written and spoken), and a comprehensive knowledge of human behavior dynamics through the behavioral science courses.
- Identify and demonstrate problem-solving skills that will correlate to those they will be challenged by as a law enforcement officer upon employment.
- Perform their duties in an ethical and professional manner with highest regard for the United States Constitution and the rights of others.
- Develop independent and lifelong learning and working habits.
- Prepare to meet state requirements for state certification as a Peace Officer.
- Prepare to transfer to a four-year college or university to receive a baccalaureate degree in Criminal Justice after completing their Associate of Applied Science degree at Central Ohio Technical College.

### Important Student Characteristics

- Good physical conditioning
- Leadership

- Good judgment
- Perceptiveness
- Good communication skills

### Admission Requirements

The Ohio Peace Officer Basic Training (POBT) will be held within this Associate of Applied Science degree program.

Applicants must complete the following COTC general admissions requirements:

- Submit the Application for Admission at [cotc.edu/apply](http://cotc.edu/apply).
- Submit official high school transcript with date of graduation indicated. If not a high school graduate, submit a copy of the G.E.D. certificate.
- Meet with a Gateway staff member to determine if a COTC Placement Assessment for Writing is necessary. If applicant places into pre-college course work, that course work must be successfully completed before starting the Peace Officer Basic Training.

Those students seeking the Law Enforcement Technology degree must meet the following pre-admission requirements before entering Peace Officer Basic Training:

1. Submit a completed enrollment packet required by the OPOTC for admission. This includes a fingerprint background check by the State of Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation (BCI&I) and FBI to determine any criminal record which would disqualify the student from the training, such as felonies or any domestic violence convictions.
2. A completed pre-test screening of the physical conditioning requirements including a signed waiver acknowledging the consequences of not passing the final physical conditioning

- test before the written final exam.
3. Approval from the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission (OPOTC) for the student to enter training.
4. Valid Ohio Driver's License.
5. Submit a signed statement agreeing to refrain from use of tobacco products during the OPOTA training program.
6. Recognize there are mandatory hours of training as required by OPOTC. If makeup hours are available they will be at an additional cost to the student.

Students who completed coursework prior to the current academic year may be eligible to apply credit toward a Law Enforcement Technology degree upon documentation of current license standards.

### Program Expenses

COTC Peace Officer Basic Training cadets will be in uniform as prescribed by the School Commander. In addition to tuition and fees ([cotc.edu/tuition](http://cotc.edu/tuition)) students pay:

- Ammunition fee
- Uniform
- Books

### Career Opportunities

Graduates of this program have jobs as:

- Police Officers
- Deputy Sheriffs

### Transferability

Central Ohio Technical College has transfer agreements for those graduating from the Law Enforcement Technology program with the following institutions:

- Ohio University
- Tiffin University
- Franklin University

See reverse side for more information.

- Herzig University
- Kaplan University
- Chancellor University
- Devry University

Most credits transfer into Criminal Justice programs with the following institutions:

- Muskingum University
- Strayer University
- University of Phoenix

## How do I Start?

New students can complete the **free** online application for admission at [cotc.edu/apply](http://cotc.edu/apply). Current or returning students can contact The Gateway at any of our four campus locations for your next steps.

### The Gateway:

Newark Campus	740.366.9222 800.963.9275
Coshocton Campus	740.622.1408
Knox Campus	740.392.2526
Pataskala Campus	740.755.7090

[cotc.edu/gateway](http://cotc.edu/gateway)

COTC Admissions:  
[cotcadmissions@cotc.edu](mailto:cotcadmissions@cotc.edu)

COTC Academic Advising:  
[cotcadvising@cotc.edu](mailto:cotcadvising@cotc.edu)

For specific questions regarding Law Enforcement Technology contact:

- Commander Jeff Sowards at [sowards.16@cotc.edu](mailto:sowards.16@cotc.edu).

## Accreditation/ Membership

Central Ohio Technical College is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission and is a member of the North Central Association.

Phone: 312.263.0456  
[hlcommission.org](http://hlcommission.org)

COTC is also a member of the American Association for Higher Education, the American Association of Community Colleges, the American Council on Education, the American Technical Education Association, Inc., the Ohio Association of Two-Year Colleges and the Ohio College Association.

## Non-Discrimination Statement

Central Ohio Technical College is committed to building and maintaining a diverse community to reflect human diversity, and to improve opportunities for all. The college is committed to equal opportunity and eliminating discrimination. This commitment is both a moral imperative consistent with an intellectual community that celebrates individual differences and diversity, as well as matter of law. Central Ohio Technical College does not discriminate on the basis of age, ancestry, color, disability, gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, military status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, protected veteran status, or any other basis under the law, in its activities, programs, admission and employment. General information, questions, concerns or complaints related to these matters are to be directed to the Title IX Coordinator Holly Mason, Warner Center, Suite 236, Ohio State Newark/COTC, 1179 University Drive, Newark, Ohio 43055-1797 (740.364.9578) or ADA/504 Coordinator Connie Zang at the same location.



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